

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:31 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2018. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S5390–91.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

RACE TO 5G

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the race to 5G, focusing on exploring spectrum needs to maintain United States global leadership, after receiving testimony from Meredith Attwell Baker, CTIA, Dean R. Brenner, Qualcomm Incorporated, and Tom Stroup, Satellite Industry Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and Craig Cowden, Charter Communications, Denver, Colorado.

MARS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Space, Science, and Competitiveness concluded a hearing to examine destination Mars, focusing on putting American boots on the surface of the red planet, after receiving testimony from Salvatore T. Bruno, United Launch Alliance, LLC, Centennial, Colorado; Chris Carberry, Explore Mars, Inc., Stafford, Virginia; Dava J. Newman, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge; and Peggy Whitson, Spicewood, Texas.

AMERICAN DIPLOMACY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine American diplomacy to advance our national security strategy, after receiving testimony from Mike Pompeo, Secretary of State.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2554, to ensure that health insurance issuers and group health plans do not prohibit pharmacy providers from providing certain information to enrollees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 1222, to amend the Public Health Service Act to coordinate Federal congenital heart disease research efforts and to improve public education and awareness of congenital heart disease, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2465, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize a sickle cell disease prevention and treatment demonstration program and to provide for sickle cell disease research, surveillance, prevention, and treatment, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 3016, to amend the Public Health Service Act to improve essential oral health care for low-income and other underserved individuals by breaking down barriers to care, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

NOMINATIONS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Joseph Maguire, of Florida, to be Director of the National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, and Ellen E. McCarthy, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Intelligence and Research), after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 38 public bills, H.R. 6501–6538; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 1026, 1028–1032 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

Conference report on H.R. 5515, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military

construction, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–874); and

H. Res. 1027, providing for consideration of the conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 5515) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2019 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–875).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Lamborn to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H7159**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:36 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H7169**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Bishop Irinej, Serbian Orthodox Diocese of Eastern America, New Rochelle, New York. **Pages H7169–70**

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Tuesday, July 24th.

The American Legion 100th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act: S. 1182, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint commemorative coins in recognition of the 100th anniversary of The American Legion, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 366 yeas to 52 nays, Roll No. 373; **Page H7199**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To extend the National Flood Insurance Program, and for other purposes.”. **Page H7199**

VA Hospitals Establishing Leadership Performance Act: H.R. 5864, amended, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish qualifications for the human resources positions within the Veterans Health Administration of the Department of Veterans Affairs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ ye-a-and-nay vote of 417 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 374. **Pages H7199–H7200**

Making Available Information Now to Strengthen Trust and Resilience and Enhance Enterprise Technology Cybersecurity Act: The House agreed to take from the Speaker’s table and pass S. 770, to require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to disseminate resources to help reduce small business cybersecurity risks, as amended by Representative Webster (FL). **Pages H7201–02**

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To require the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to disseminate guidance to help reduce small business cybersecurity risks, and for other purposes.”. **Page H7202**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Long-Term Care Veterans Choice Act: H.R. 5693, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts and agreements for the placement of veterans in non-Department medical foster homes for certain veterans who are unable to live independently; **Pages H7172–75**

Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2353, to reauthorize the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006; **Pages H7175–94**

Condemning the violence, persecution, intimidation, and murders committed by the Government of Nicaragua against its citizens: H. Res. 981, amended, condemning the violence, persecution, intimidation, and murders committed by the Government of Nicaragua against its citizens; **Pages H7194–97**

Energy Diplomacy Act of 2018: H.R. 5535, amended, to amend the State Department Basic Authorities Act of 1956 regarding energy diplomacy and security within the Department of State; **Pages H7197–99**

Amending title 23, United States Code, to extend the deadline for promulgation of regulations under the tribal transportation self-governance program: H.R. 6414, to amend title 23, United States Code, to extend the deadline for promulgation of regulations under the tribal transportation self-governance program; **Pages H7639–40**

Save Our Seas Act: S. 756, amended, to reauthorize and amend the Marine Debris Act to promote international action to reduce marine debris; **Pages H7640–45**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the lack of timely and predictable funding unnecessarily undermines the mission of the United States Special Operations Command and jeopardizes the security of the United States: H. Res. 1009, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the lack of timely and predictable funding unnecessarily undermines the mission of the United States Special Operations Command and jeopardizes the security of the United States; **Pages H7645–47**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Air Force faces significant readiness challenges due to insufficient personnel levels, a shrinking and depleted aircraft fleet, and maintenance deferrals, all of which are affected by budgetary uncertainty and impede the Air Force’s ability to meet ongoing and unexpected national security threats, putting United States national security at risk: H.R. 1010, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Air Force faces significant readiness challenges due to insufficient personnel levels, a shrinking and depleted aircraft fleet, and maintenance deferrals, all of which are affected by budgetary uncertainty and impede the Air Force’s ability

to meet ongoing and unexpected national security threats, putting United States national security at risk; and
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Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that not fully resourcing the United States Army in a timely manner erodes the Army's ability to maintain readiness and poses risk to the Army's ability to conduct military operations: H. Res. 1007, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that not fully resourcing the United States Army in a timely manner erodes the Army's ability to maintain readiness and poses risk to the Army's ability to conduct military operations.
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Amending the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to modify the definition of qualified health plan for purposes of the health insurance premium tax credit and to allow individuals purchasing health insurance in the individual market to purchase a lower premium copper plan: The House passed H.R. 6311, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to modify the definition of qualified health plan for purposes of the health insurance premium tax credit and to allow individuals purchasing health insurance in the individual market to purchase a lower premium copper plan, by a recorded vote of 242 ayes to 176 noes, Roll No. 376.
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Rejected the Frankel (FL) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Ways and Means with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a yea-and-nay vote of 187 yeas to 229 nays, Roll No. 375.
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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–83 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means.
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H. Res. 1011, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 184) and (H.R. 6311) was agreed to yesterday, July 24th.

Restoring Access to Medication Act of 2018: The House passed H.R. 6199, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to include certain over-the-counter medical products as qualified medical expenses, by a yea-and-nay vote of 277 yeas to 142 nays, Roll No. 377.
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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–82 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of

a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill. **Page H7651**

H. Res. 1012, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6199) was agreed to yesterday, July 24th.

Cambodia Democracy Act of 2018: The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass H.R. 5754, to promote free and fair elections, political freedoms, and human rights in Cambodia, as amended by Representative Royce (CA). **Pages H7668–69**

Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Recovery Amendment Act of 2018: The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and pass S. 2779, to amend the Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Recovery Act of 2001. **Pages H7670–72**

Meeting Hour: Agreed by unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow, July 26th. **Page H7672**

Senate Referrals: S. 2278 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce. S. 2779 was held at the desk. **Page H7684**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H7169.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7199, H7200, H7666, H7666–67, and H7667. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EXAMINING THE UPCOMING AGENDA FOR THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Examining the Upcoming Agenda for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission". Testimony was heard from Chris Giancarlo, Chairman, Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on FY 2019 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill; and the Revised Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2019. The FY 2019 Homeland Security Appropriations Bill was ordered reported, as amended. The Revised Report on the Suballocation of Budget Allocations for FY 2019 was approved.